

GRAUSTARK

#57

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NEW POSTAL DIPLOMACY GAME BEGINS

Postal Diplomacy Game 1945L has been filled, and its progress will be reported in GRAUSTARK. The players are:

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GERMANY: Frank Glass, 3406 Elder Place, Alexandria, Va. 22312
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SPAIN-PORTUGAL: Bernice Kline, 439 d. Pedro Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif.
HOLLAND: John Koning, 315 E. Main Street, Youngstown, Ohio 44501
RUSSIA: David S. Kowalski, 27 W. 100th, Chicago, Ill. 60618

The players have 5 weeks to get their alignments in order. The deadline for "Spring 1945" moves in 1945 is SATURDAY 14 AUGUST 1945.

A three-man (well, actually, a man and two women) team from the Youngstown University Diplomacy Club has issued a challenge to a game of New Diplomacy according to the rules published in GRAUSTARK #4. Any three Diplomacy players who want to take up the YUC's challenge should send their \$1.00 to John Davidson, 502 15th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11218.

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ERIC BLAKE, P. O. Box 24, Jamaica, N. Y. 11431: Presumably you are not aware of the fact that Earl Robinson, whom you praised in "Graustark" #50 for writing an anti-war cartoon for children, is a Communist. In 1947, at a hearing of the House Subcommittee on Un-American Activities in New York, Robinson refused to tell the Committee whether he was or was not a Communist. Since a non-Communist would have no hesitation about answering this question, his affiliations can be determined quite easily.

Communists are now trying to organize children by signing our bill to fight at home. Robinson and his cohorts are part of this effort. By approving his attempt to subvert children, you are just helping the others along.

((I believe that wars should be fought on Diplomacy boards and not in Vietnam.))

JOHN KOWING, address above: I'm sorry to break the tradition, but Masail ((the postal Diplomacy published in which Koning reports game 1945L)) doesn't refer to any mythical or literary kingdom, baron, etc. It is actually a geological term referring, among other things, to a large mountain mass. I thought a term meaning "great mass" appropriate for a Diplomacy kingdom.

JOHN M. GAYTHE, JR., address above: What would you think of having a Diplomacy Convention or something approximating it sometime in October or November? All those people who are postal Diplomacy fans could get together and have an opportunity to meet face-to-face for the first time. Both New York and California would be out because of the distances involved. It would be desirable to aggregate in a mid-western city. St. Louis or Chicago would be ideal if they only had a Diplomacy group. So the city would have to have an active Diplomacy club, and that leaves only Youngstown or the Toronto area. Let me know what you think of the idea. ((Since most Diplomacy fans seem also to be science-fiction fans, I'd prefer to hold a Diplomacy con-

This is
 C. It
 F. Great
 X. Unpleasant
 D. This
 A. Impure
 E. To
 I. Inflame
 D. Spies
 B. Worries

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vention in conjunction with the annual World Science-Fiction convention. As soon as the site of the 1966 S-F WorldCon is decided upon, I will write the convention program and see whether a session on Diplomacy can't be arranged.)

WILLIAM S. KUBER, address above.

Postal Diplomacy Game Ratings

Notes:

1. Ratings are based on finished games reported to John Boardman.
2. Each game finished receives one point for each player starting. The winners in a three game match receive two points.
3. No postal game is here listed than five players starting.
4. Each player resigning loses one point.
5. Each player who loses one point.
6. Each player still alive at finish, besides winner, received one point.
7. Total of points in the standing of each player.

Games finished in this rating were 1963, 1964, and 1965:

7 Mackenzie, James	1 Davoy, John	0 Kushner, Stuart	-1 McJannet, John
5 Nelson, Derek	1 Lake, Robert	0 Kerner, Fred	-1 McDonald, Dave
4 Eyring, John	1 Thomas, James	-1 Gaston, Bill	-4 Kening, John
1 Brannan, Dan	0 Goldstein, James	-1 Christian, Bill	-2 Schultz, Dick

((It seems like a good idea, though perhaps other players might want to suggest changes in the rating system. While it seems unfair to me, since many players resign for reasons beyond their own control. I can't honestly resign counts for more than someone like Harley or Thomas who just stops sending in moves without excuse or explanation. Without Rule 4, Goldstein gains one point and Kening gains two.))

DEAN NELSON, 29 Main St., Newmarket, Ontario: The term Dip slogan "Starborough Series" ((in 1965)) isn't likely to be appreciated. Lake is a disillusioned liberal and John is a mild-type Socialist (NIPer to you). ((Last week Lake said that Davoy belongs to the Social Credit Party, which is right-wing. Speak for yourself, John.))

James Sanders, presently playing Franco in 1965, wishes to resign from the game. The first person to send in 25 GM and a set of "Spring 1966" moves for Franco in that game will take over direction of French policy. The deadline for "Spring 1966" moves in that game is Saturday 31 July 1966.

Don Brannan, Gamemaster of 1965 (1965K) reports that John McJannet plays Italy in that game. In GRANTHAM #55 "McJannet or Reinald" was listed as Italy.

Conrad von Metake, publisher of CONGRUENCE, writes that the name of his Diplomacy Bulletin comes from Joseph Conrad's novel Montano.

Samuel Kling corrects GRANTHAM to say that the subscription rate to his new postal Diplomacy Bulletin Insights is 10 issues for \$1.00. The entry fee for a game in Insights is \$1.00. The Gamemaster's address is overleaf.

Charles Wells (Dept. of Mathematics, Eastern Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio 44105) announces that in September he will begin a new postal Diplomacy bulletin and game. "Price is two dollars a game; subscription is one dollar for twenty issues, mailed out in batches every five or three months."

Have you played an interesting Diplomacy game across the board recently? Send the moves to GRANTHAM and they will be published.

The rules of postal Diplomacy have been published in GRANTHAM #55, and will be sent as part of a subscription upon request. Other Gamemasters who wish to use these rules should inform players in their bulletins, and also mention any changes or variations which they employ.

GRANTHAM and INSIGHTS are each available at 10 issues for \$1.00 from John Boardman, 222 16th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11218.